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**Massachusetts Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gas Fitters,  
FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

MEMBERS	APPOINTMENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Wayne Thomas	Member Journeyman Gasfitter	X	
Mr. Joseph McNamee	Member, Master Gas Fitter	X	
Mr. Bahig A. Kaldas, P. E.	Member, Plumbing Engineer	X	
Ms. Sarah Badway	Public Member	X	
Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewiez	Member, Master Plumber	X	
Ms. Ruth Alfasso	Member, Dept. of Public Health	X	
Mr. John Cruz	Member, LP Installer	X	
Mr. Harold Knight	Member, Journeyman Plumber	X	
Mr. Dan Kilburn	Member, DPL Designee		X

**9:07 A.M. CALL TO ORDER:** By Chairman Joseph McNamee

**9:08 A.M. AGENDA REVIEW:** By Chairman Joseph McNamee

**9:10 A.M.: APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

- The January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

*A motion was made to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes by: Ms. Ruth Alfasso and seconded by: Mr. Wayne Thomas*

*Results: Unanimous*

- The January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

*A motion was made to accept the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Executive Session Minutes by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Ms. Ruth Alfasso*

*Results: Unanimous*



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**DISCUSSION**

**D1 – DAGV-324-FY 17 – Metro West Regional Transit Authority – 15 Blandin Avenue – Framingham**

Michael Manning has requested the Board discuss the use of Victaulic piping and fittings on compressed natural gas (CNG) compressor inlet piping at 60 PSI. The compressors have a number of Victaulic fittings as well as Victaulic piping sections that were installed by Bauer Compressors of Norfolk, VA within the compressor enclosure.

*Meeting Notes: This Delegated Authority Gas Variance Pre-Installation was brought before the Board to discuss and vote on the use of Victaulic pipe and fittings within the factory installed enclosure. According to 248 CMR Victaulic pipe and fittings are not compliant for gas connections at any pressure. The applicant for the variance stated there is a similar compressor installed at the McDonalds rest area on Rte. 128 in Newton and has been in operation for over ten years. The Board Requested Inspector Padden to inspect that installation.*

*A motion was made to Deny the acceptance of the unlisted compressor based on the use of Victaulic pipe and fittings with the option to modify the unit by utilizing 248 CMR approved piping and joining method, verified by a third party testing agent, or Massachusetts Professional Engineer by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz and seconded by: Mr. Harold Knight*

*Results: 8 in favor of the denial 0 against with one member absent*

**VARIANCE REQUESTS**

**PV- 127 –Lowell Catholic High School – 530 Stevens Street - Lowell**

Maryellen DeMarco of Lowell Catholic High School is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (h) 5 in the kitchen area of the proposed 25,000 SF building. The request is to allow the installation of one gender neutral, ADA compliant toilet room for the 6 kitchen staff. The kitchen is approximately 1080 SF. The Lowell Board of Health has been properly notified.

*A motion was made to approve by: Ms. Ruth Alfasso and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV-128 – Conroy Development - 600 West Street - Mansfield**

Conroy Development is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks. The proposed warehouse building consists of 36,000 square feet with an opening 16 feet wide by 18 feet tall. They are asking to install bolted removable bollards rather than permanent bollards. The Mansfield Board of Health has been notified.

*A motion was made to Deny by: Mr. Harold Knight and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Deny 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV-129 – Tufts Veterinary Hospital – 505 South Street – Walpole**

Applicant John Donovan is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (h) 4. Individual fixture pumps may be used sinks when unusual building structure conditions prevent the discharge of liquid waste by gravity. The gravity line is approximately 60 feet away. The Walpole Board of Health has been properly notified.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. John Cruz and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

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**PV- 130 – University of Massachusetts – 300 Stadium Drive - Amherst**

Howe Engineers, Inc. are seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (b) and 10.10 table 1. The project includes the addition of two new identical restroom facilities to the north of the stadium. The current travel distance to bathroom facilities within the stadium is 750 feet, after the addition of the restroom facilities, the maximum travel distance will be reduce to 450 feet. Board of Health has not been notified since this is a state project.

*A motion was made to Table by: Mr. Harold Knight and seconded by: Mr. Wayne Thomas*

*Results: 8 in favor to Table 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV- 131 – University of Massachusetts – 300 Stadium Drive (Temporary Bubble Facility) - Amherst**

Howe Engineers, Inc. are seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (b) and 10.10 table 1. The project is a seasonal temporary bubble multipurpose practice field. The field will be outdoors except in the winter months. The maximum travel distance to the proposed bathrooms will be 405 feet, with a maximum occupancy load of 130 persons. Board of Health has not been notified since this is a state project.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Harold Knight and seconded by: Mr. Wayne Thomas*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV- 132 – Wayland High School – 260 Connecticut Path - Wayland**

Weston and Sampson are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) Table 1 to reduce the number of fixtures required for the outdoor stadium toilet facility by fifty percent. The bleachers have a maximum capacity of 1400 persons. The Town of Wayland will construct a toilet facility consisting of 12 female water closets, 3 male water closets and 3 urinals with 3 lavatories for each gender. The Wayland Board of Health has been notified.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Harold Knight*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV- 134 – Giuseppino Miniello – 10 Sunset Drive – Burlington**

Applicant Giuseppino Miniello is seeking relief from 248 CMR 3.04, Product acceptance. There are 4 items on the variance application: Floor Standing BTW Bidet, and Multi Outlet water closet Manufacture by Pozzi Ginori (Geberit): Toilet wall carrier Manufactured by Grohe: and Rain Shower Faucet Manufactured by Kan. The Burlington Board of Health has been properly notified.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Harold Knight and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV – 135 – Town of Franklin - Water Plant – 257 Fisher Street – Franklin**

John Sheehan is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18) (j) 2. Employee Toilet Facilities for (Industrial) Buildings. The request is to allow the installation of one gender neutral, ADA compliant toilet room for the staff. The Franklin Board of Health has been properly notified.

*A motion was made to conditionally approve by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Harold Knight*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

*Condition: A code required shower unit must be installed in the gender neutral bathroom.*

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**PV- 136 – MBTA Parts/Storage Building – 275 Dorchester Avenue - Boston**

Jacob Engineering is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.09 Interceptors, Separators and Holding Tanks. The new parts / storage building utilizes an overhead door. The applicant claims only a forklift enters and exits the overhead door. They are requesting the Board waive the requirement of a sand oil separator. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

*Meeting Note: A motion was made to Deny by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Deny 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV-138 - MWRA Prison Point CSO Facility – 7 Education Street - Cambridge**

John Colbert of MWRA is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.05 General Regulations (16) Sewage Disposal Connections (Buildings).

(a)The plumbing of each building shall have an independent connection to a public sanitary sewer outside of building, unless, in the opinion of the Inspector, a single separate connection is not feasible.

(b)If a public sanitary sewer is not available, the sewage shall be discharged into a sewage disposal system that complies with 310 CMR 15.00: The State Environmental Code, Title 5: Standard Requirements for the Siting, Construction, Inspection, Upgrade and Expansion of On-site Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems and for the Transport and Disposal of Septage. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

*A motion was made to approve by: Ms. Ruth Alfasso and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV-139 – Pulte Group - 120 University Ave – Westwood**

Jeffery Peabody is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 (2) (m) 7. A.i.Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing and Fittings. The building is 4 floors in height. The Westwood Board of Health has been properly notified.

*Meeting Note: A motion was made to Deny by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Deny 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV-140 – Pulte Group – 104 Lowell Road – North Reading**

Jeffery Peabody is seeking relief from 248 CMR 10.06 (2) (m) 7. A.i.Cross-linked Polyethylene (PEX) Tubing and Fittings. The building is 4 floors in height. The Westwood Board of Health has been properly notified.

*Meeting Note: A motion was made to Deny by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Deny 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV- 141 – University of Massachusetts – 667 North Pleasant Street – Amherst**

Connor Architecture is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.10 (18). They are requesting a portion of the bathroom facilities required on level two be located on the on level one instead. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

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**PV- 142 – University of Massachusetts – Worcester Commons Project - North Pleasant Street - Amherst**

BVH Integrated Services are seeking a variance from 248 CMR 10.15 (10) (a) 2. Only drains located below the building sewer or building drain shall discharge into sumps. All other drains shall be discharged by gravity. They are requesting a duplex sump pumps serving the basement of the new building in lieu of extensive site work with 18 to 20 feet excavation. No Board of Health petition is required for buildings owned, used or leased by the State of Massachusetts.

*Meeting Note: A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**PV- 143 – Ulta Beauty – 7 Commerce Way – Seekonk**

Scott Downer is seeking a variance from 248 CMR 3.04 (1) unlisted plumbing products. They are asking the Board to approve the use of a Signature Hardware 15” Optimum stainless steel under mount sink and a 9” Infinite narrow stainless steel under mount prep sink. The Seekonk Board of Health has been properly notified.

*A motion was made to approve by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz and seconded by: Ms. Ruth Alfasso*

*Results: 7 in favor to approve 0 against with 1 member recused and 1 member absent*

**FYI – Board Delegated Staff Approvals – Board Vote Not Required**

**Plumbing Variances**

**DAPV -133 – Harriet Goldberg – 300 Lynnshore Drive – Lynn**

Variance for the continued use of 1-1/2” drain for tub and shower to shower only conversion. The Lynn Board of Health has been notified.

**Full operation of unlisted gas equipment**

**DAGV-193 CPI Radiant Technologies Division – 4 Bonazzoli Ave. – Hudson**

Granting full operation to CPI Radiant Technologies Division of three unlisted Titan Air Make-up Units at the above referenced location subject to the approval of the Local Plumbing Inspector.

**DAGV – 203 – GeoInsight, Inc. – 1 New England Way – Ayer**

Granting full operation to GeoInsight, Inc. of a thermal Oxidizer at the above referenced location subject to the approval of the Local Plumbing Inspector.

**VARIANCES RETURNED / WITHDRAWN**

**PV-XXX-North Andover Mechanical-45 Middlesex Turnpike – Bellerica**

This post installation variance was returned to the applicant Edward J. Phelan because it was determined that a variance was not required. The top floor of the parking deck drains were tied into existing storm water facilities through a STC Stormceptor 900 which is an accepted and listed sand oil separator.

**PV-XXX-Polcari's Bridgway inn Group – 1265 Ferry Street - Marshfield**

This variance application was returned to the petitioner because it was incomplete.

**PV-XXX – Norbert and Grace Mandeville – 5 Upland Road – Winchester**

This variance application was returned to the petitioner because it was incomplete.

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**PV-XXX-Paulo Demorais – 76 Denny Road - Brookline**

This variance application was returned to the petitioner because it was incorrect and incomplete.

**PV – XXX – Rykbost LLC – 59 Apley Street – Hudson**

This variance application is being returned to the petitioner because the system as described in the document was found to be compliant with 248 CMR 10.09 (1) (b) 3. A. iii.

**GV-XXX-Hemant Shah - 5 Norton Drive – Worcester**

The Plumbing Board Office has reviewed this gas variance application for an unlisted propane vacuum furnace. Based on the definition in 248 CMR Section 4.02 (Fuel Gas) and the fact that the resistance heating for the furnace is supplied by electricity the Board Office determined that this piece of equipment would not fall under the Board's jurisdiction and therefore a variance from state fuel gas code is not required.

**Vocational School Projects**

**V1) Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School – Town of Westborough Golf Course - Westborough**

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School have applied for Board Approval of a Commercial Project. The job shall consist of adding a sink in the club house area of the golf course. The scope of the work would require new water and drainage piping. 40 students will be participating in this project while maintaining a 4 to 1 student to teacher ratio.

*Meeting Note: A motion was made to Approve the Commercial Project by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**V2) Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School- 215 Fitchburg Street - Marlborough**

Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School have applied for a Commercial Project on campus of the school. The job shall consist of adding a café and coffee station including a kitchen sink, hand wash sink, water piping to brewer, and water to ice machine with indirect waste. This project was approved by the Board Office.

*Meeting Note: this is an on campus commercial project that was approved through Board Delegated Authority by Board staff. Therefore the applicant need not present the request before the Board.*

**10:45 a.m. Call for a break:** By Chairman Joseph McNamee

**10:58 a.m. Call back to order:** By Chairman Joseph McNamee

*Meeting Note: At 10:59 a.m. A motion was made to enter into Executive Session by: Mr. Harold Knight and seconded by: Mr. Wayne Thomas*

*Results: 8 in favor to Approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**CHARACTER REVIEW(S) (CR 1: L, M) (CR 2: C, K) (CR 3: S, C) (CR 4: F, M)**

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*Meeting Note: At 11:14 a.m. A motion was made to enter Quasi-Judicial Closed Session by: Mr. Wayne Thomas and seconded by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**QUASI JUDICIAL CLOSED SESSION**

*Meeting Note: At 11:29 a.m. A motion was made to exit Quasi-Judicial Closed Session by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz and seconded by: Mr. John Cruz*

*Results: 8 in favor to Approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

**BOARD WILL CONSIDER ANY MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR:**

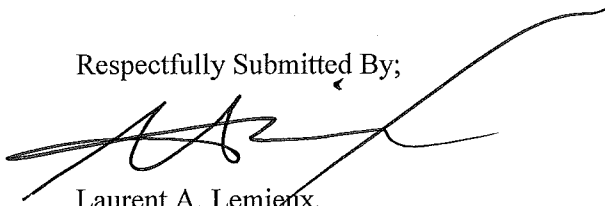
**Note:**

Reasonable accommodations or modifications will be provided to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in this Plumbing Board meeting. **All requests should be submitted to Cheryl Yebba at (617)-727-4992 no later than one (1) week prior to the scheduled Board Meeting.** While the Board of Examiners of Plumbers & Gas Fitters will attempt to honor all requests, those requests received after that date may not be provided due to feasibility.

*Meeting Note: At 11:29 a.m. A motion was made to adjourn by: Mr. Joseph V. Waskiewicz and seconded by: Mr. Harold Knight*

*Results: 8 in favor to Approve 0 against with 1 member absent*

Respectfully Submitted By;



Laurent A. Lemieux,  
Executive Director  
Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters

Respectfully Authorized by;

Chairman  
Board of State Examiners of Plumbers and Gasfitters